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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, the 2nd July 1962.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—EXPRESSION OF SORROW AT THE DEMISE OF DR B. C. ROY, CHIEF MINISTER OF WEST BENGAL, AND SRI PURSHOTTAMDAS TANDON, FORMER SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF UTTAR PRADESH.

MR. CHAIRMAN : It is with deep regret that I have to announce to the House that Dr. B. C. Roy, Chief Minister of West Bengal, suddenly passed away yesterday afternoon at Calcutta. Great as he was as Chief Minister, Dr. Roy was an elder statesman and an eminent physician. An ardent patriot and an able administrator, he made great sacrifices in the cause of Indian Independence and rendered signal service for the good of the nation and the people. In his death, West Bengal in particular and India in general have suffered an irreparable loss.

I shall convey the deep sense of sorrow of this House to the Government of West Bengal and the members of the bereaved family of Dr. Roy.

I also regret to announce to the House the death of Sri Purshottamdas Tandon yesterday forenoon at Allahabad. He was a former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Uttar Pradesh. A true patriot as he was, he rendered valuable services and made sacrifices in the Indian Struggle for Independence.

On behalf of this House, I shall convey our deep sense of sorrow to the members of the bereaved family of Sri Tandon.

I request hon. Members to stand in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to late Dr. Roy and Sri Tandon.

Accordingly, all the Members stood in silence for a minute.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Hindi.

* 65 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether a pass in Hindi also is required to secure eligibility in S.S.L.C. Public Examination from March, 1962 onwards?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.